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(speaking to Tevye at train station before she leaves to join Perchek in Siberia)
Perchek has been arrested and convicted, but he did nothing wrong. He cares nothing for himself. Everything he does is for humanity. I know he has troubles, but what wrongs did Joseph do, and Abraham, and Moses? And they had troubles. Where is he? It is far, Papa, terribly far. He is in a settlement in Siberia. He did not ask me to go to him. I want to go. I don't want him to be alone. I want to help him in his work. It is the greatest work a man can do. Papa, I promise you, we will be married under a canopy. Goodbye, Papa, God alone knows when we shall see each other again.